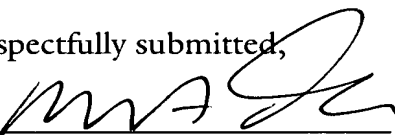


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 have been amended and are pending in the present application.  
Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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